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- 1. The Labedy foundry is a former German installation which has been enlarged by the Poles. Part of it is still under construction. The foundry produces steel plates, pipes, and axles for railroad cars.
- 2. There is also a special section for the construction of tanks. The gun barrels for these tanks are furnished by the Baildon foundry at Stalinogrod (Katowice). In April 1952 the construction of a special test road was completed, where the speed and maneuverability of the tanks is tested. There is also a firing range for tanks. This test road is located in the woods near the village of Przezchlebie.
- 3. In the spring of 1953 more than 200 workers were dismissed from the foundry. It is rumored that they were dismissed for security reasons.
- 4. There are special security measures at the foundry. Workers are only permitted toogo from one section to another if they have special passes.

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